

Confidential

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Joel Palmer phone call this a.m., ending about midday.-noon/

The ostensible purpose of the call was to ask if I knew what evidence besides Russo Garrison had on Shaw. I told him I had never asked, never seen, and assumed he had more, as I had written in C in NO.

We got into the Perrin-Rich-Boxley matter and he said, in effect, that this had been Garrison's idea, with him even going to the Kittle's home, etc. that he was with Boxley and B's reports were accurate, that he hadn't said more to me when I had questioned him because he felt under obligation (no longer) to Garrison. He had just been in Tampa on the Hoffman matter when this happened.

He says Garrison was about to make further charges against Bradley when it happened, with the release all written, over his and Boxley's objection, as I recall. Several times he said Garrison was disgusted with his staff and their attitude and was about to do something.

On Shaw, he said he is surprised they didn't use what they had from Voebel, apparently a phoned interview with Alcock, about a dinner party he had attended that was so degenerate he left. Ferrie and Shaw both at it.

Nancy believes her husband murdered. He could not say how this squared with Perrin being seen by four witnesses two minutes from Daley Plaza. Obviously, they are mutually contradictory, unless she also believe it was not her husband she buried, and this he does not say. He says it was JG's idea that a Latin seaman's body was substituted.

He knew Boxley returned to N.O. the Sunday night, the night after I interviewed him and apparently was at Joel's. He claims not to know the story Boxley was giving the media, that JG was fed pills by the staff to make him their creature. Promised me Browner telegram. Says Alyea film stolen.

His book will be handed in in two weeks. Done now. Expected out in April-May. Tentative title, "The Killing of the President, 1963". This, as I pointed out, is not consistent with his description of the contents, the N.O. case. Nor is it with what he told me in N.O., that it would be on Danister. I wondered, after the call, if he was asking me things for inclusion. He did not indicate this in any way.

Rather an expensive substitute for a letter, this long daylight call.

Claims he heard K say there was radio equipment in apt, that Boxley showed 8-10 pictures, not just Bradley's, and that "walking man" pictures given him to show to these people by JG. Asked me about Russo as Garrison's sole evidence, and I told him I had never asked but had had doubts about his credibility (so did he, Joel said). Repeated I did not think Boxley an agent and tried to prevent release. He asked me what he was and I said "sick". He asked me about Penn and I said same. Turned, I said I didn't know but didn't trust. Did have reason to believe he was agent but there is no excusing his backstopping Boxley on nothing. He doesn't know Stanley Marks, but recalled "Coup d'Etat" as my title. I do not recall discussing this with him but may have. His people anxious to get book out immediately, strange after long delay. He is sorry it is not on JG.